

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
AUSTIN DIVISION

DEREK BYRD,  
*Plaintiff,*

v.

THE CITY OF AUSTIN; AUSTIN  
POLICE DEPARTMENT; AND  
JAVIER RODRIGRUEZ,  
INDIVIDUALLY, and His Official  
Capacity  
*Defendant.*

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:25-CV-00069-ADA

**NOTICE CONCERNING REFERENCE TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 73, and the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, the following party The City of Austin , Javier Rodriguez

through counsel H Gray Laird

\_\_\_ consents to having a United States Magistrate Judge preside over the trial in this case.

X declines to consent to trial before a United States Magistrate Judge.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing on all parties or their attorneys of record, in compliance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, this 27th day of May, 2025.

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